



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

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SB 314 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony today. The University of Hawai'i (UH) **supports** SB 314, Relating to the University of Hawaii. This bill appropriates funds for the operating expenses of the UH for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (FY20) and Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (FY21).

It appears that the appropriations in this bill conform to the University's portion of the Governor's biennium budget request submitted to the Legislature. This includes expansion of the Hawai'i Promise Program to the four-year institutions, raising the Graduate Assistant stipend, providing support for student mentors and tutors at the Community Colleges, providing for custodial and maintenance staff at UH-Hilo, and support for the Wayfinding education program at the 'Imiloa Astronomy Center.

In addition to these items included in the Governor's budget, the Board of Regents' budget request included support for Learning Assistants and Peer Mentoring at Mānoa (\$956,000 for FY20 and \$1,408,876 for FY21), support for student employment at the Hilo (\$122,000 for FY20 and \$231,000 for FY21) and West O'ahu (\$300,000 each FY) campuses, security staff at Hilo (\$311,240 each FY), continuation of the Hawai'i Nutrition Employment and Training (HINET) program at the Community Colleges (\$520,000 each FY), and support for Distance Education at West O'ahu (\$1,000,000 each FY).

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.